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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A helmet neck skirt system comprising:
a helmet having a base portion extending around a lower opening into said helmet;
a collar member couplable to said helmet such that said collar member extends down from said base portion of said helmet; and
wherein said collar member has a substantially consistent circumference such that said collar member is adapted for extending from said helmet in spaced relationship to a neck of a user wearing said helmet;
a first fastening member coupled to said collar member along a top edge of said collar member such that said top edge of said collar member extends between an interior face and an exterior face of said collar member;
and
a complimentary second fastening member coupled to said helmet for fastening said top edge of said collar member to said helmet such that said collar member is substantially aligned with said base portion of said helmet to permit liquid on the outside of said helmet to flow onto said collar member.

2. (Original) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 1 wherein said collar member is constructed of leather.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The helmet neck skirt system of claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein said first fastening member is a portion of hook and loop fastener

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and said second fastening member is a complimentary portion of hook and loop fastener.

5. (Currently Amended) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 3 1 wherein said second fastening member is coupled to said base portion of said helmet.

6. (Original) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 4 wherein said first portion of hook and loop fastener extends a full length along a top edge of said collar member and said second portion of hook and loop fastener extends along a full length of said base portion of said helmet.

7. (Original) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 1, further comprising:

said collar member being an elongated material having opposite ends, said opposite ends being couplable together to form said collar member into an annular shape positionable around the neck of the user.

8. (Original) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 7, further comprising:

a closure means for coupling said opposite ends of said collar member.

9. (Original) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 8 wherein said closure means is complimentary portions of hook and loop fastener coupled to said opposite ends of said collar member.

New Claims:

10. (New) A helmet neck skirt system comprising:

a helmet having a base portion extending around a lower opening into said helmet;

a collar member couplable to said helmet such that said collar member extends down from said base portion of said helmet;

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wherein said collar member has a substantially consistent circumference such that said collar member is adapted for extending from said helmet in spaced relationship to a neck of a user wearing said helmet;

a first fastening member coupled to said collar member along a top edge of said collar member such that said top edge of said collar member extends between an interior face and an exterior face of said collar member;

a complimentary second fastening member coupled to said helmet for fastening said top edge of said collar member to said helmet such that said collar member is substantially aligned with said base portion of said helmet to permit liquid on the outside of said helmet to flow onto said collar member;

wherein said first fastening member is a portion of hook and loop fastener and said second fastening member is a complimentary portion of hook and loop fastener;

wherein said second fastening member is coupled to said base portion of said helmet;

wherein said first portion of hook and loop fastener extends a full length along a top edge of said collar member and said second portion of hook and loop fastener extends along a full length of said base portion of said helmet;

said collar member being an elongated material having opposite ends, said opposite ends being couplable together to form said collar member into an annular shape positionable around the neck of the user;

a closure means for coupling said opposite ends of said collar member; and

wherein said closure means is complimentary portions of hook and loop fastener coupled to said opposite ends of said collar member.

11. (New) The helmet neck skirt system of claim 10 wherein said collar member is constructed of leather.